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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. CHARLES ZALAR, NSF

1. ON JUNE 21, 1978 ZALAR AND P&C OFFICER KARCH VISITED STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS (SCSTP) AND BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (BAN). AT SCSTP THEY WERE RECEIVED BY PLAMEN DESPOOV AND CHAVDAR ANGELOV, DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEPT. AT BAN THEY MET WITH PROF. GEORGI BLIZNAKOV, SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY GENERAL, AND ALEKSANDUR POPOV, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.

2. DISCUSSIONS WERE CORDIAL AND CENTERED ON PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NSF/SCSTP AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES EXPLAINED THE ORGANIZATION OF SCIENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. BULGARIANS ALSO EXPLAINED VARIATION OF FUCTIONS BETWEEN SCSTP AND BAN. SCSTP IS GENERAL COORDINATOR FOR ALL BULGARIAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND BAN. MINISTRIES FHAVE THEIR OWN INSTITUTES AND LABORATORIES AND ARE MWINLY UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTED IN APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. BAN IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH.

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT NSF AND SCSTP AND BAN WOULD EXCHANGE LISTS OF SCIENTISTINTERESTED IN US-BULGARIAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. EACH WILL INVITE ITS SCIENTISTS OO START DEVELOPING COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS, FIRST

THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE, THEN THROUGH SCIENTIFIC VISITS.  
NSF STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR SMALL WORKSHOPS AND  
SEMINARS WHICH GENERATE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS.

4. ON JUNE 22, SCIENCE ATTACHE AT AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
JAY BLOWERS ACCOMPANIED ZALAR TO A MEETING WITH BULGARIAN  
ACADEMICIAN PROF. K.B. SERAFIMOV, PRESIDENT OF  
BULGARIAN COMMITTEE ON SPACE RESEARCH. PROF. SERAFIMOV  
IS BULGARIAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IN A PROJECT  
ON IONOSPHERIC PHYSICS IN COOPERATION WITH PROF. M.  
JOHNSON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. THIS  
PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY NSCTP, WHILE ANOTHER PROJECT  
ON LINEAR ACTUATOR LEAKAGE CONTROL BETWEEN PROF. Z.  
DRANCHEV OF DSO HYDRAULIKA, AND PGUF. E.C. FITCH OF  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, IS BEING PROCESSED BY SCSTP.

5. WLAR BRIEFED SCIATT BLOWERS ON RESEARCH DIS-  
CUSSIONS OF NSF/NCST AGREEMENT. A STAFF PAPER ON THIS  
QUESTION IS IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE SENT THROUGH  
DEPARTMENT TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST FOR INFORMATION.  
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